--21.   (Amended) The data receiving unit according to Claim 13, wherein said decoding-key-setting means sets the decoding key based on an external input.

--22.   (Amended) The data receiving unit according to Claim 13, wherein when the decoding key for decoding a packet of the extracted data does not exist, said deletion means deletes the packet.

--23.   (Amended) The data receiving unit according to Claim 13, wherein a key identical to a key used at a transmitting side for transmitting said signals received at said receiving means is used as the decoding key set by said decoding-key-setting means.

--24.   (Amended) The data receiving unit according to Claim 13, further comprising output means for outputting only data treated by said examination means as have been decoded to meet the predetermined standard.--

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 remain in the application and have been amended hereby.

As will be noted from the Declaration, Applicants are citizens and residents of Japan and this application originated

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there.

Accordingly, the amendments made to the specification are provided to place the application in idiomatic English, and the claims are amended to place them in better condition for examination.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-24 by rewriting same to read as
follows.

--1.   (Amended) A data receiving method, comprising the
steps of:

extracting required data from among received digital signal
data to form extracted data;

decoding the extracted required data [by] using a
predetermined decoding key to form decoded data;

determining whether the decoded data [is normal] meets a
predetermined standard; and

deleting the decoded data when [having] it is determined
that the decoded data [is] does not [normal] meet the
predetermined standard.

--2.   (Amended) [A] The data receiving method according to
Claim 1, wherein said received digital signal data include
computer-processible data.

--3.   (Amended) [A] The data receiving method according to
Claim 2, wherein in the [decoding] step[,] of decoding includes
decoding [is performed] in real time for each packet of the
extracted data.

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--4. (Amended) [A] The data receiving method according to Claim 3, wherein the [determining] step [is performed by] of determining includes determining whether decoding has been [normally] performed meeting the predetermined standard in real time for each packet of the extracted data.

--5. (Amended) [A] The data receiving method according to Claim 1, wherein the step of determining [step is performed by] includes determining whether [the] a result of decoding a decoding diagnosis code added [beforehand] to each packet of the extracted data is coincident with a code used at a transmitting side.

--6. (Amended) [A] The data receiving method according to Claim 5, wherein said decoding diagnosis code is a constant.

--7. (Amended) [A] The data receiving method according to Claim 4, wherein in the step of deleting [step], data which has not been [normally] decoded to meet the predetermined standard in real time is deleted in real time.

--8. (Amended) [A] The data receiving method according to Claim 1, [wherein only when the method has determined] comprising the further step of determining that address data included in said received digital signal data is directed to a receiving side at which the data receiving method is used, before performing the step of decoding [step is performed].

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--9. (Amended) [A] <u>The</u> data receiving method according to Claim 1, wherein said predetermined decoding key is set by an external input.

--10. (Amended) [A] <u>The</u> data receiving method according to Claim 1, wherein when said predetermined decoding key does not exist [in the] <u>upon</u> decoding [of] a packet of the extracted data, the packet is deleted.

--11. (Amended) [A] <u>The</u> data receiving method according to Claim 1, wherein a key identical to [that] <u>a key</u> used at a transmitting side for transmitting the digital signal data is used as said predetermined decoding key.

--12. (Amended) [A] <u>The</u> data receiving method according to Claim 1, [wherein the method outputs, to the exterior,] <u>further comprising the step of outputting</u> only data treated as have been [normally] decoded <u>to meet the predetermined standard</u>.

--13. (Amended) A data receiving unit, comprising:

receiving means <u>for receiving signals</u>;

converting means for converting signals received by said receiving means into digital signal data;

data extracting means for extracting required data from among said digital signal data obtained by said converting means <u>to form extracted data</u>;

decoding-key-setting means for setting a decoding key

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required for decoding the extracted data;

decoding means for decoding the extracted data by using the decoding key set by said decoding-key-setting means <u>to form decoded data</u>;

examination means for examining the <u>decoded</u> data decoded by said decoding means <u>based on a predetermined standard</u>; and

deletion means for deleting data [which is treated] <u>determined</u> by said examination means as have not been [normally] decoded <u>to meet the predetermined standard</u>.

--14. (Amended) [A] <u>The</u> data receiving unit according to Claim 13, wherein data included in the signals received by said receiving means are computer-processible data.

--15. (Amended) [A] <u>The</u> data receiving unit according to Claim 14, wherein said decoding means decodes each packet of the <u>extracted</u> data in real time.

--16. (Amended) [A] <u>The</u> data receiving unit according to Claim 15, wherein said [determining] <u>examination</u> means examines whether each packet of the extracted data has been [normally] decoded <u>to meet the predetermined standard</u>.

--17. (Amended) [A] <u>The</u> data receiving unit according to Claim 13, wherein said examination means examines whether [the] <u>a</u> result of decoding a decoding diagnosis code added [beforehand] to each packet of the extracted data is coincident with a code

used at a transmitting side.

--18. (Amended) [A] <u>The</u> data receiving unit according to Claim 17, wherein said decoding diagnosis code is a constant.

--19. (Amended) [A] <u>The</u> data receiving unit according to Claim 16, wherein said deletion means deletes, in real time, data which has not been [normally] decoded <u>according to the predetermined standard</u> in real time.

--20. (Amended) [A] <u>The</u> data receiving unit according to Claim 13, wherein when said decoding means [has determined] <u>determines</u> that address data included in the converted data <u>from said converting means</u> is directed to said data receiving unit, said decoding means performs decoding.

--21. (Amended) [A] <u>The</u> data receiving unit according to Claim 13, wherein said decoding-key-setting means sets the decoding key based on an external input.

--22. (Amended) [A] <u>The</u> data receiving unit according to Claim 13, wherein when the decoding key for decoding a packet of the extracted data does not exist, said deletion means deletes the packet.

--23. (Amended) [A] <u>The</u> data receiving unit according to Claim 13, wherein a key identical to [that] <u>a key</u> used at a

transmitting side for transmitting said signals <u>received at said</u> <u>receiving means</u> is used as the decoding key set by said decoding-key-setting means.

--24. (Amended) [A] <u>The</u> data receiving unit according to Claim 13, further comprising output means for outputting[, to the exterior,] only data treated by said examination means as have been [normally] decoded <u>to meet the predetermined standard</u>.--